



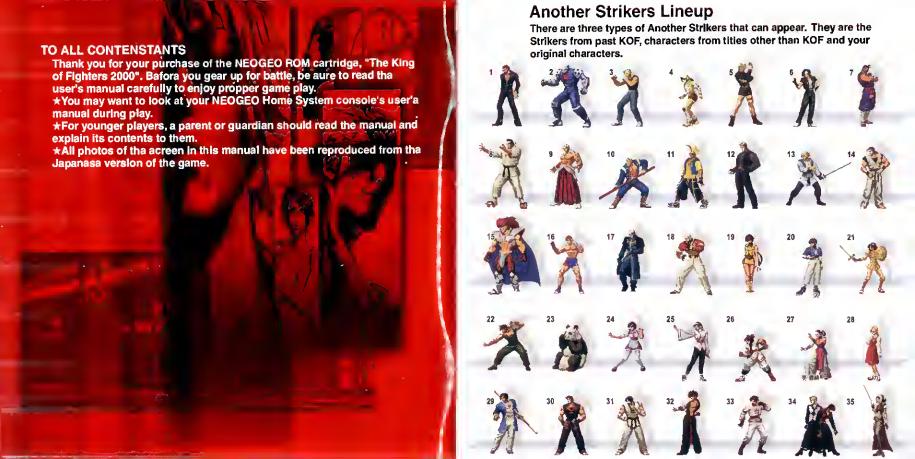
The last battle of the twentieth century.

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WARNUNG

Um den größtmöglichen Spielspaß mit diesem oder anderen NEO-GEO-Videospielen zu erlangen, möchten wir Sie bitten die nachfolgenden Hinweise unbedingt zu beachten!!!

• Stellen Sie sicher, daß Sie nach jeder Spielstunde eine Spielpause einlegen! Wenn Sie übermüdet oder krank sind, ist es ratsam von dem Spielen eines Videospieles abzusehen, bis Ihr Körper sich regeneriert hat!

•Stellen Sie sicher, daß Sie Videospiele in einer hellen Umgebung und einem

gesunden Abstand zum TV-Bildschirm spielen!

[EPILEPSIE - WARNUNG]

Bitte lesen Sie dies bevor Sie mit dem NEO-GEO-System spielen!!

•Die geistige Wahrnehmung von gewissen blitzenden Lichtmustern, grellen Lichtmustern oder hörbaren Schallmustern, welche im Allgemeinen in unserer alltäglichen Umgebung zu finden sind, können betrachtet oder gehört bei einem kleinen Teil der Bevölkerung zu epileptischen Anfällen führen. Sollten Sie Epileptiker sein, konsultieren Sie bitte erst Ihren Arzt bevor Sie Videospiele spielen! Menschen, welche bisher keine Erfahrung mit Anfällen hatten, haben womöglich eine bisher unerkannte Neigung zu epileptischen Anfällen. Sollten Sie irgendwelche der nachfolgenden Symtome während des Spielens mit Videospielen bei sich oder anderen bemerken, konsultieren Sie bitte sofort Ihren Arzt : unkontrollierte Muskelzuckungen, Hörstörungen, Sehstörungen, geistige Verwirrung, Desorientierung, Krämpfe und Zuckungen!



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Notes on use

MEMORY CARD-BACKUP

With a NEO GEO Memory Card (sold seperately) you can easily return to where you left off during a game. Securely insert the memory card into the console's memory card slot and follow the procedures below to save and load game data.

■TO LOAD (Retrieving Data)

If the NEO GEO Memory Card is inserted correctly, the "LOAD DATA" screen will appear. Use the joystick to select "YES" and push Button A to resume play where you left off.

■ TO SAVE (Recording Data)

If the NEO GEO memory Card is inserted correctly, after a game has ended, the "SAVE DATA" screen will appear. Use the joystick to select "YES" and push button A to save data at the point where you finished. (With certain software data is saved automatically during play.) * As a rule, you cannot save data for a game more than once. Consequently, when saving data for a game on a memory card, be aware that previous data for the same game will be erased automatically.

■ FORMATTING CARDS

Newly purchased NEO GEO Memory Cards are not formatted. Before using a new card, follow the procedures below to format it...

1. Correctly insert a NEO GEO game cartridge and memory card into the console.





2. While holding down all the buttons (A to D) on the Player 1 controller, push the RESET button on the Home System console.



3. When the "MEMORY CARD UTILI-TY MENU" appears on the screen, select "FORMAT" and follow the on-screen instructions.



4. Press Button A when formatting is complete.





Wicked Chew Polson Gnawfest I >→+C 427 Locomotive Upper → > 1 2 ← + BorD

Ceremony Super Slash 182 1 > → 1 > → + Aor C Serpent Wave 12+11>+AorC

KYO KUSANAGI Serpent Wave 12-213-+AC



→ 1 > + AorC Fire Ball Dark Thrust I \→+AorC Deadly Flower (1 / ←+ AorC)×3

Concealed 1 101 Gloom Gouger ↓ > → ↓ > → + A or C

Meiden Masher 1>→>12←+AorC

IORI YAGAMI Maiden Masher IN-NIZH+AC

22222 1 \→+AorC ????? $\rightarrow 1 \times + AorC$ 22222 L ∠ ++ AorC ?????

1 >→ 1 > → + AorC ????? IN→IN→+AC

????? (→**\1/**←)×2+AC



NOTES ON USING MEMORY CARDS

- •A NEO GEO game cartridge must be inserted into the console to save and load data on the memory card.
- While loading and saving data, under no circumstances should you either remove the memory card and game cartridge or turn the console off!
- Insert the memory card into the slot with it's arrow mark facing upward.
- The memory card is sold seperately. Make sure you purchase and use on NEO GEO Memory Cards with the NEO GEO Home System

NOTES ON USING CARTRIDGES

- This cartridge is for use only with the NEO GEO Home System.
- Turn the machine off before inserting or removing the game cartridge.
- Because this cartridge is a high-precision device, do not expose it to extreme temperatures or severe shock. Never attempt to take this cartridge apart as it may damage sensitive components within.
- Do not touch the cartridge's connector or get it wet.
- Do not clean the cartridge with cleaners such as thinner, benzine, or water.
- When not in use, unplug the console's AC adapter from the outlet.
- ◆Do not connect the NEO GEO Home System to a projection-screen TV. It may cause image burn-in on the screen.



Prologue

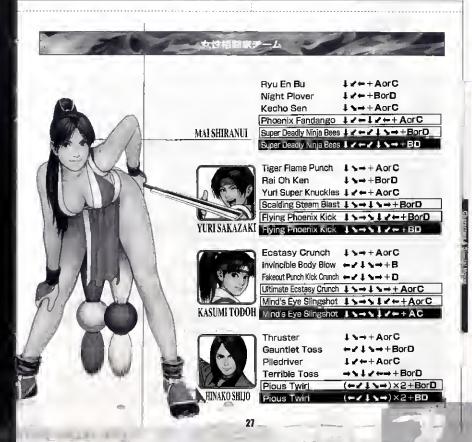
In the previous KOF, the existence of puzzling and secret alliance of "Nests" became clear. Their activities quieted down soon after the death of Krizarid and they were not heard from much. It was at that time the occurrences of worldwide terrorism began to grow at an alarming rate. The Heidern fighting brigade had gotten word that these instances where the dirty work of 'K' and 'Maxima' and they set out to put tails on those two. However, it was just at that time that KOF was starting...

Severat weeks later, the worldwide fighter's tournament began and low and behold among the names of participating teams were none other than 'K' and 'Maxima.' Just at that time as well, as if being drawn out into the open by those two, Nests also began to show more activity... or was this just a coincidence...

Now, the violence begins anew...

Welcome, once again, to the King of Fighters...





ATHENA ASAMIYA

Psycho Sword

⇒ 1 \ + AnrC

Phoenix Arrow Ouring jump ↓ < ++ BorD

Phoenix Fang Arrow During Jump 1 > + 1 > + + BorD

Shining Crystal Bit (→ \ 1 \ ←) × 2 + Apr C

Shining Crystal Bit (⇒ \ ↓ ∠ ←)×2+AC



Dragon Uppercut ←↓ ∠+BorD Air-Spin Jab

I∠←+AorC Dragon Talon Tear During jump ↓ <- + Aor C

Super Dragon Combo Punch ↓ > → ↓ > → + A or C

Dragon God Drubbing 1 > → > 1 < -+ D

Dragon God Drubbing ↓ > → > ↓ < -+ BD



Gourd Attack Burning Sake Belch → 1 > + Aor C Rolling Punch

I ∠ ← + Aor C

←

↓ ↓ → + BorD

Invitation to the Furnace 1 >>> 1 < -+ Aor C Thunder Blast I>→I>→+AorC

Thunder Blast IN⇒IN⇒+AC



Front Psycho Ball Attack I - + A Rising Psycho Ball Attack 1 > → + A Bounding Psycho Ball Attack
■ > + B Psycho Ball Crash SPECIAL I + I + Bor D

MAX Psycho Ball Attack ↓ ∠ ← ↓ ∠ ← + Aor C

MAX Psycho Ball Attack ↓ ∠ ← ↓ ∠ ← + A C

Explanation of the Rules [Another Striker]

This time, a dedicated back-up striker called [Another Striker] is set for each character. Players can select whether to use the normal character or another striker when determining the order of strikers using Order Select.

[Team Battles] Match type

Game Hules







Teams are composed of three athletes and one striker. Strikers can use one striker bomb during the match and they can jump in to help teammates at any time during a match. (However, the frequency of appearances for this character is limited.)

The first member of each appearing team fights one round. When a match is decided, the loser is replaced by the second member of his/her team and the victor remains to fight the next match with the same life gauge level as at the end of the previous match. (Life gauge power is restored slightly, however, with victory and time bonuses.) The first team to beat 3 members is the winner.

Single Battles



N VS



th single battles, too, a striker is assigned to a single player. As with team battles, the Striker can jump in at any time to back-up his fighting teammate during a match. (However, the frequency of appearances for this character is limited.)

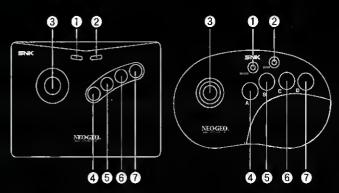
Match Rules

■ Malch type

In a three-fall match, the first to win two rounds (two points) wins the match. During a match, life levels are fully restored for each player after each round is decided and action proceeds to the next round.

*The number of rounds needed to win a melch can be changed with [CATTLE CONFIG.] in the OPTION MODE... (See page 19)

Operating the Controls



The basic operations during the game or in each of the select menus are described below.

• Select Button : Pause/Resume play (by pressing a second time)

: Starts game/Break-in play/Continue/Razz (during play) Start Button

: Moves characters/Jumps/Crouch/Guard, etc./ **9** Joystick

Selects modes and options

 A Button : Light punch/Determines selections

6 B Button : Light kick © C Button : Strong punch O D Button : Strong kick



I briefly then 1 + AorC +briefly then → + AOFC

During jump ↓ ←+ Aor C

↓ < ← < ↓ > → +BorD

briefly then ↓ \ → \ ↓ ✓ ← + Aor C

briefly then I >→> I Z ←+AC

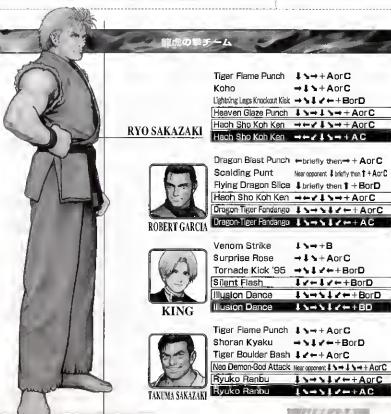
← briefly then → + AorC

⇒ briefly then ⇒ + AorC

(← < ↓ \ →) × 2 + Bor D

→1 >+ AprC

AOFC Tap repeetedly



A Look at the Game Screen



• Time remaining: Shows the time lett for one round. Remaining power gauge levels decide the victor when timer reaches "0."

 Life Gauge : Shows the remaining life of the character during the battle. The one that reaches 0 first loses the battle.

S Character in Battle : Displays faces of characters in use.

Power Gauge : Increases with each attach or protection. (See page 14)

Other Team : Shows the names of the characters waiting to fight.
 Member Names

6 Striker : Shows the face and name of the striker character (See page 15)

Striker Bomb : With the use of one of these you can call the Striker into

action. (See page 15)

MODES OF PLAY

1 PLAYER BATTLE

2 PLAYERS BATTLE

TEAM PLAY

TEAM VS.

SINGLE PLAY

SINGLE VS.

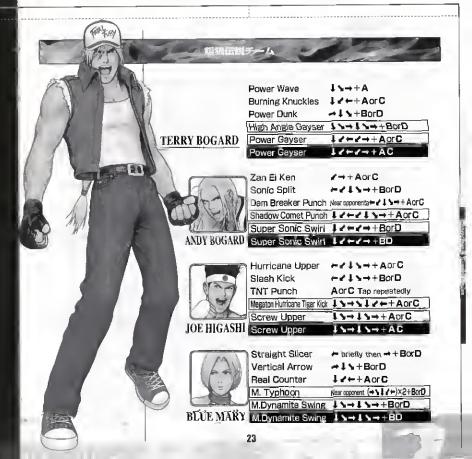
PRACTICE

OPTION



MODE SELECT

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TEAR VS.
SINGLE PLAY
SINGLE VS.
PRACTICE
OPTION





Lightning Fist 1 y→+AorC Shinku Katategoma ↓ ✓ + + Aor C Jaido Kick 1 N→+ BorD

Benimaru Nikaido

Super Lightning Kick → \$ > + BorD Heaven Blast Flash 1 >→ 1 >→ + AgrC

Heaven Blast Flash | >> + >> + AC



Beginner's Wild Bite ↓ > + A Beginner's Fire Ball → \$ > + Aor C Shingo Kick +V1>→+BorD Phosphorus Phoenix Flash 1 > → 1 > → + A or C

Burning Shingo

1/-/1y-+AorC LZ-ZIN-+AC



Boot of Heaven → > I < ← + BorD Veiled Scarlet Sandblast → 1 > + Aor C Lethalyator 1/←+AorC Flying Bandit Shadow Smack (← \$\dots \] > →)×2+BorD

Flying Bandit Venom Meth 1 2 ← 1 > + Aor C

Flying Bandit Venom Motri ↓ ✓ ← ✓ ↓ > → + A C



1 y→+AorC IN→YIV←+BorD Irimi-Nadazukl

Don-Tori-Shichimonsatsu 1>→>1 / ← + A or C

Don-Tori-Shichimonsatsu 1 >→> 1 / ←+ A C

During jump 1 > → + C An-Getsu Sho-Yoh Doh-Kuzushi



WILL YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?!

[Roulette Team Edit]

When choosing characters for Team Battles and Single Battles in this game, use the Roulette Team Edit to select characters randomly. Move the joystick up. down, right and left to move the cursor to the question mark (?) in the Character Select screen and push the A button.

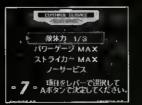
[Burst-in Play]

During Team Play and Single Play modes, pressing the Start button on the unused controller stops the 1player computer battle and changes action to a 2player competition mode.

[Continuous Service]

Losing to the CPU (Team Play mode or the Single Play mode) calls up the Continue Count. Push the Start Button before the countdown on the Continue Service reaches "0." Move joystick to select an item, and press A button.





Opponent Power 1/3	Begins play with the opponent's power at 1/3 its normal level.
Max Power Gauge Start	Begins play with the Power Gauge at Max.
Striker Max	Resumes action in which the striker can be used without limitation.
No Service	Resumes action without service.





The Trigger I N⇒+AorC Biackout During The Trigger ++ BorD Crow Bite → I \ + AorC Heat Drive 1 >→ 1 >→ + AorC Chein Drive 1>→>1/++AorC I>→>IZ++AC Chain Drive



M-4 Vapor Cannon ↓ ∠ ← + AorC M-11 Dangerous Arch ← < 1 > → + BorD I>→>IV++AorC Bunker Buster

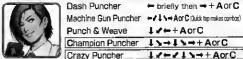
Maxima's Revenge (+111→)x2+BorD (←/ | \→)×2+BD Maxima's Revenge



→ ↓ \ + BorD Summersault + 2 1 3 → + BorD El Diablo Amarillo Ramon ↓ ∠ ← ∠ ↓ 🌤 → + BorD Near opponent (= \$1 /=)x2+AorC

Tiger Spin Tiger Spin

Near opponent (→ \ 1 / -) x2+AC = briefly then = + AOFC



Punch & Weave I / ← + AorC Champion Puncher ↓ > → ↓ > → + Aor C

IN-VIX-+AOCC Crazy Puncher Crezy Puncher IZEZIN++AC

Characters and Special Moves



Command List Symbols

→Joystick position

Abbreviations for buttons

A · B · C · D · · · Super Special Movas

... (Uses up 1 Power Gauge)
MAX Super Special Moves

··· (Uses up 3 Power Gauges)

Tips for Using Super Special Move

- Super Special Moves can be used when there is a stock of Power Gauges during normal play.
- Unlimited use of these is made possible when the Counter Mode is activated (however, MAX Super Special Moves cannot be used.)
- Disabled when the Armor Mode id activated.
- All operations are described for characters facing the right.
- Special Moves besides those listed here. Use your skill and intelligence to find them.

Basic Character Movements

Operations are described for characters facing the right.

For the characters facing the left, input with right and left of the joystick reversed.

(Note) The arrow symbol "

"A" to "D" indicate the buttons.



[Basic Moves]

Move → (Forward) ← (Backward)

mp Sortor (You can differentiate from large, medium and small jumps with various lovalick movements.)

Crouch dor lor s

Guard When attached, ← (Upper Guard) or ✔ (Lower Guard)

Punch A (Light attack) or C (Heavy attack)
Kick B (Light attack) or D (Heavy attack)

[Special Moves]

Call-out Striker

Counter Mode

Armor Mode

Razz

Forward Dash Quickly press → → (the hold down)

Back Step Quickly press ←←

Emergency Escape -or + Press A and B together (You can cancel the guard by using one power gauge.)

Body Toss Attack Prees C and D together (You can cancel the guard by using one power gauge.)

Passiva Press A and B together just before falling down.

Houdini Body Toss Escape When you get caught in a body loss, press A and B together, or press → or ← + any button of A to D.

Press B and C together (Uses one striker bomb)

Super Special Move Command + A or C/Command + B or O (Uses one power gauge)

MAX Super Special Move Command + A and C together/Command + B and D together (Uses three power gauges)

Press A, B and C together (Uses three power gauges)
Press B. C and D together (Uses three power gauges)

Press the Start Button

[Power Gauge]

The power gauge on the screen increases each time you attack your opponent or defend against your opponent'a attack. When it bullds to a certain level, the power gauge becomes stocked. A maximum of three can be stored at a time. By using a stocked power gauge, the commands at right can be used.

Uses One Power Gauge

- Super Special Move
- Forward / Backward Guard Cancel Emergency Escape
- Guard Cancel Blow-Away Attack

Uses Three Power Gauges

- Max Super Special Move
- Counter Mode
- Armor Mode

[Counter Mode]

By using all three stored power gauges, you can use a temporary mode that largely increaaes a character's attack power. When three power gaugea have been stocked, push the A, B and C buttons together to activate. The actions at the right are convenient when the character is strengthened.

- Use Super Special Moves whenever you want.
- You can use Super Cancel (Special moves and super special moves.)

[Armor Mode]

By using all three stored power gauges, you can use a temporary mode that largely increases a character's defenses. When three power gauges have been stocked, push the B, C and D buttons together. During the Armor Mode, the convenient action is possible.

Attack even when being attacked.



[Battle Configurations]

You can change the game system in the Battle Configuration screen. Select each item by moving the joystick up or down and change the settings by moving It left and right.

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Changes the round time. (Normal = Normal round time/	PLAY TIME		(Normal = Normal round time/o
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POWER GAUGE	Sets the power gauge condition during the games to one of
	three settings. (OFF/Normal/Max)

IKER	Changes the number of strikers in seven levels. (OFF =
	Disabled: 1 to 5 = Number of times: MAX - No limit)

SINGLE POINT	Changes the number of points needed to win in a single
	battle. Seject 1 to 3 points

OISP. CUT	Seta whether to view or hide the remaining amount of time
Oldi i OO	ilfo gauge and power gauge (ON/OFF)

LA STORY	Press A to return to the Ontion screen

SII

Option Mode

Select [OPTION] on the Mode Select screen to ahift to the Option screen. Select each item by moving tha joystick up or down and change the settings by moving it left and right.



DIFFICULTY

Sets the difficulty of the CPU's character. There are levels 1 to 8. 1 is the easiest, and 8 is the most difficult.

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LANGUAGE

Select one of 4 languages. Japanese, English, Spanish and

Portuguese are available.

BATTLE CONFIG.

Press A to call up the Battle Configuration screen. (See

page 19)

FLASH

Sets the diaplay of flashes during the game. Flashes when you are hit with super special punch, you counter hit, Houndi Body Toss Escape, or Super Special Move KQ.

Press A to return to the Mode Select screen.



[Striker System]

If there is more than one striker bomb during the battle, press the B and C buttons together at any time to use one striker bomb and call up the atriker. The conditions under which a striker may be called up and the types of attacka are described at the right.

When the character in play is jumping

When the character in play is attacking

 After the character in play is thrown

 Just before the character in play is down

: Striker Attack

: Simultaneous Striker Attack

: Added Striker Attack (Uses One Power Stock)

: Striker Protective Attack

[Increasing Striker Bombs]

The power gauge is decreased by one and one striker bomb is supplied by pressing the Start Button when the power gauge is stocked.



Practice Mode

This mode enables the player to practice command inputs for the character's special moves and continuous inputs. After selecting "PRACTICE" on the Mode Select screen, press, "Character," "Striker," "Practice Opponent," and "Practice Opponent Striker." After selecting the order, the menu screen is displayed. Change the following sattings for your practice opponent and begin the practice mode.



[START Menu]

Select [START] on the menu screen and press tha A button to start the practice. Pressing the Select button during practice will return you to the Menu screen.

[ENEMY SIDE Menu]

The menus that are in the Menu screen are for setting the operation of your opponent (tha CPU). Salact each item by moving the joystick up or down and change the settings by moving it left and right.

STANCE Sets the status of your opponent. You can set him to a standing. crouching or jumping state and control him to correspond to three levels of difficulty. You can also watch a battle between two

on the CPU.

GUARD Sets how your opponant guards.

ATTACK Sets whether or not your opponent will attack. It you sel for

attacking, you can also set the types of attack.

L.RECOVER Sets your opponent's physical strength gauge.

P.GAUGE Sets your opponent's power gauge status. You can set whether to always be in counter mode or in armor mode.

[PLAYER SIDE Menu]

The manus that are in the Menu screen are for setting the operation of your character. Select each Item by moving the joystick up or down and change the settings by moving it left and right.

COUNTER

Sets whether or not to counter when the character is hit.

Sets your character's physical strength gauge.

P.GAUGE

Sets your character's power gauge status.

START BUTTON Sets the Start button function when practicing. Your opponent approaches when pressed. (APPROACH) Your opponent ascapea when pressed. (ESCAPE) Restarts when pressed. (RESTART)

[CHARACTER CHANGE Menu]

Select [CHARACTER CHANGE] on the menu screen and press A to switch to the Character Select screen where you can change characters.

[EXIT Menu]

Select [EXIT] on the manu screen and press A to return to the Mode Select screen.

* Press the Start Button on the Menu Screen to return to the menu items.

* You can start the Practice Mode from either 1P or 2P.